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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 40]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
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  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
    - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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| Title                  | Apparatus and Method for Cleaning Test Probes |
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*(Appendix)*
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
*(when there is an assignee)*
11.  English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17.  Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

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Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: January 18, 2002  
For:      **Apparatus and Method for Cleaning Test Probes**  
Inventors:      Buckholtz *et al.*  
Our Ref:      2026.0100000/MVM/J-C

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1.      PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2.      Application Data Sheet;
3.      U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Apparatus and Method for Cleaning Test Probes**

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
  - i. 28 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 11 pages of claims (claims 1-62);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 9 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A-1C, 2-5, 6A-6D, 7A, 7B, 8, 9A and 9B); and

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5. Two (2) return postcards.

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